IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE
ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE NOOTY RAMAMOHANA RAO

WRIT PETITION NOS :5904 & 5925 of 1998

Dated: 28th June 2007.

Between:

WRIT PETITION NO:5904 of 1998

K.Venkatarama Naidu, S/o Subba Naidu, aged about 38 years, Turn Cock in Puttur Gram Panchayat, R/o Puttur, Chittoor District.

..... PETITIONER

AND

The Secretary to Government, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department, Government of A.P., Secretariat, Hyderabad and others.

.....RESPONDENTS

WRIT PETITION NO:5925 of 1998

S.Munirathnam Naidu, S/o Narappa Naidu, aged about 44 years, Tractor Driver in Puttur Gram Panchayat, R/o Puttur, Chittoor District.

..... PETITIONER

AND

The Secretary to Government, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department, Government of A.P., Secretariat, Hyderabad and others.

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W.P.NOs.5904 & 5925 OF 1998

ORAL COMMON ORDER:

The petitioners in both the writ petitions were originally working with the Gram Panchayat, Puttur in Chittoor District. Since they were working for a long time, they solicited regularization of their services in the Gram Panchayat at Puttur. It is also their case that the others, who are similarly placed like them, have got their services regularized and, in fact, they have also earned a further promotion. But, unfortunately, their cases were not considered for regularization.

Heard Sri S.I.Newton appearing for 4th respondent and the learned Government Pleader for Panchayat Raj appearing for respondents 1 to 3.

In the counter-affidavit, it has been stated that the matter was examined by the Commissioner for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, who has submitted a report to the State Government that the cases of the petitioners herein deserve consideration for

regularization of their services as they fulfilled all the criteria in that regard. Unfortunately, in the interregnum the Gram Panchayat, Puttur, has been abolished and in its place a new Municipality called Puttur Municipality, has been constituted and for a very long time the matter is pending attention of the State Government and no orders are forthcoming.

Since the principal grievance of the writ petitioners centers around their employment in a local body, the present writ petitions, which have been instituted straightaway in this Court, cannot be entertained in view of the dictum laid by the Supreme Court in L.CHANDRA KUMAR v. UNION OF INDIA [1].

For the foregoing discussion, leaving the liberty to the writ petitioners to agitate their grievance before the Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal, which is the forum to approach at the first instance, both the writ petitions are dismissed, but, in the circumstances, there shall be no order as to costs.

Nooty Ramamohana Rao, J

28th May 2007
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[1] AIR 1997 SC 1125